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Hiroaki S. Hara, et al.)	Examiner: Unknown
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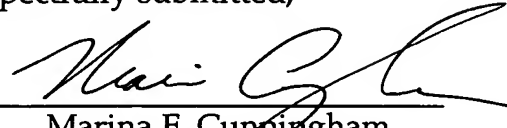
STATUS LETTER

On August 19, 2004, Applicant received a Corrected Filing Receipt (copy enclosed) in connection with the above-identified patent application.

As of this date, Applicant has not received an office action relating to the above-identified patent application. Applicant therefore requests a status report be provided for the above-identified patent application.

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